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SUBJECT: OUTLINE OF TIMING AND NATURE OF UN INVOLVEMENT

IN NAMIBIA

1. WESTERN FIVE MET PM ON JUNE 22 TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS ON NAMIBIA. BECAUSE OF RESULTS OF MORNING MEETING WITH SYG WALDHEIM (SEPTEL), GROUP DECIDED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO GIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SYG SOME WRITTEN ILLUSTRATIVE POINTS ON UN INVOLVEMENT PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH SAG FONMIN BOTHA ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24. THE GROUP DREW UP THE PAPER IN THE FORM OF A TIMETABLE AND ELEMENTS OF UN INVOLVEMENT FOR SUBMISSION TO CAPITALS. ALL ARE REQUESTING REACTIONS BY COB JUNE 23. TEXT FOLLOWS (NOTE THAT FINAL TWO POINTS IN BRACKETS ARE TO BE GIVEN ORALLY ONLY):

TARGET DATES:

- 1. IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS--ACCEPTANCE OF THE OVERALL PLAN.
- 2. BY AUGUST 31--
- A. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL BY SOUTH

AFRICAN GOVERNMENT;

- B. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BY SECRETARY GENERAL:
- C. APPOINTMENT OF PANEL OF JURISTS.
- 3. BY MID SEPTEMBER--
- A. ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL TAKES OFFICE:
- B. UN PRESENCE ESTABLISHED IN NAMIBIA.
- 4. BY NOVEMBER 1--RELEASE OF DETAINEES AND RETURN OF EXILES.
- 5. BY NOVEMBER 1--REPEAL OF DISCRIMINATORY LAWS.
- 6. BY NOVEMBER 1--ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL RULES FOR ELECTIONS.
- 7. MAY 1--ELECTIONS.
- 8. MID-MAY--CONVENING OF CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY.
- 9. SEPTEMBER 1--CONCLUSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY.
- 10. NOVEMBER 1--ELECTIONS.
- 11. DECEMBER 31. 1978--INDEPENDENCE.

ELEMENTS FOR UN INVOLVEMENT

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THAT THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD, AT ALL STAGES, HAVE TO SATISFY HIMSELF AS TO THE FAIRNESS AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY NATURE OF THE LEGISLATION WHICH PROVIDES FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE ELECTORAL PROCESS; THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION; AND THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN, THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND THE POLLING.

ILLUSTRATIVE TASKS OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL:

- 1. ENSURE REPEAL OF DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION;
- 2. ENSURE CONDITIONS ARE CREATED TO FACILITATE RELEASE
- OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND RETURN OF EXILES;
- 3. PREPARE PROPER ELECTORAL LEGISLATION:
- 4. ENSURE THAT THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IS FAIRLY AND
- PEACEFULLY CONDUCTED (E.G. IMPARTIALITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION,
- FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE ELECTORAL
- REGULATIONS BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND OTHERS, IMPAR-
- TIALITY OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION;

INTERFERENCE BY ANYONE:

- 5. GUARANTEE AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF INTIMIDATION FROM WHATEVER QUARTER;
- 6. ENSURE THAT THE PREPARATION OF VOTERS' LIST IS PROPERLY AND COMPREHENSIVELY CARRIED OUT;
- 7. ENSURE THAT VOTING IS SECRET AND FREE FROM IMPROPER
- 8. ENSURE THAT THE VOTES ARE PROPERLY COUNTED AND THE

RESULTS PROPERLY DECLARED.

B. POLITICAL PRISONERS.

ILLUSTRATIVE TASKS OF THE PANEL OF JURISTS: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT RELATED TO: A. ELECTORAL PROCESS;

(BEGIN BRACKETS) FOR BRIEFERS ONLY:

 $1.\ CONCERNING\ POINT\ \#5\ OF\ TASKS\ OF\ SPECIAL\ REPRESENTATIVE:$

BRIEFERS SHOULD MAKE POINT ORALLY THAT THIS SENTENCE

INCLUDES POLICE AND MILITARY.

2. BRIEFERS SHOULD MAKE POINT ORALLY THAT SUCH ILLUSTRATIVE

TASKS WILL REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF UN PERSONNEL.

(END BRACKETS)

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